

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**ANNUAL COUNCIL****4.30pm 18 MAY 2017****COUNCIL CHAMBER, BRIGHTON TOWN HALL****MINUTES**

Present: Councillors West (Chair), Allen, Atkinson, Barford, Barnett, Bell, Bennett, Bewick, Brown, Cattell, Chapman, Cobb, Daniel, Deane, Druitt, Gibson, Gilbey, Greenbaum, Hamilton, Hill, Horan, Hyde, Inkpin-Leissner, Janio, Knight, Lewry, Littman, Mac Cafferty, Marsh, Meadows, Miller, Mitchell, Moonan, Morgan, Morris, Nemeth, A Norman, K Norman, O'Quinn, Page, Peltzer Dunn, Penn, Phillips, Robins, Russell-Moyle, Simson, Sykes, Taylor, C Theobald, G Theobald, Wares, Wealls and Yates.

PART ONE**4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

1.1 There were no declarations of interest in items appearing on the agenda.

5 (A) MAYORAL REPORT 2016-17

2.1 The Mayor introduced the mayoral report for 2016/17 and noted that it had been a very busy year in terms of engagements and events as well as working with his 27 charities. He then moved that the report be noted.

2.2 **RESOLVED:** That the Mayoral report for 2016/17 be noted.

2 (B) MAYOR'S THANKS & PRESENTATIONS

2.3. The Mayor stated that it had been an incredible year and that it was hard to know where to start to sum it all up. There was certainly too much to tell of with so many amazing, generous, and great people he had encountered that needed to be acknowledged. All working so hard to make this city the wonderful place it is and it had been his special privilege to help celebrate them all. He now realised how much people value the recognition and thanks the mayoralty can offer. After 20 years since first being elected as a councillor he thought I knew the city well, but this has been year of real discovery.

2.4. We are blessed with a rich diversity of communities: neighbourhood communities, communities of interest, our LGBT+ communities, faith communities, and newer communities who have come here to make their homes. I have discovered particularly

how our newer communities, many of them refugees, often look to the mayor for recognition. Many also bond through their faith and I'm glad we have a strong interfaith movement in the city that supports their welcome. Through Council Prayers my Interfaith Chaplain Rev Anthea Ballam has worked with a diversity of local faith figures, who have introduced Buddhist, Islamic, Pagan, Christian and Jewish worship to the Chamber - I am sure this is much appreciated by so many of our communities.

- 2.5. We are experiencing a rise in racism and hate crime across the country, even in our tolerant and welcoming city, and I particularly wish to thank the Interfaith Contact Group, Sanctuary on Sea and the LGBT Community Safety Forum for helping to bring our communities together; and for their work in maintaining the beacon of hope I see shining out from our city on to a troubled world.
- 2.6. It has been wonderful to have had the opportunity to support so many of our neighbourhoods, like Hangleton & Knoll, where the Hangleton & Knoll Project works so hard to support older people being active and involved, reducing loneliness; and engaging with younger people, helping them discover new talents and boosting their self-esteem. There are a phenomenal number of people associating through interest in the city, everything from swimming to singing, table tennis to knitting.
- 2.7. The city is full of choirs; it is simply awash with the celebration of song and I have enjoyed getting to know social and fund-raising groups like Bear Patrol, which annually raise thousands for good causes while having a lot of fun and I've enjoyed getting busy out with my litter picker working with environmental volunteers from both universities and the 'deans' who help communities to keep our beaches and open spaces clean.
- 2.8. People have been asking me about highlights of my year and there have been many highlights, and the breadth of activity I have experienced is hard to compare, but one or two special moments certainly stand out. Being there at the AMEX on the day the Albion gained promotion, and last Sunday's celebration, that's right up there. Being part of that celebration with so many Albion legends and the legion of jubilant fans is something I and none of us will ever forget. A proud moment for the team and the city coupled with our celebration of Tony and Chris as Freeman today. Heading up the Pride parade with Geraldine, helping to carry the pictures of the victims of Orlando was an equally proud and very emotional moment too. As we turned each corner of the way, the cheering crowd fell silent then started to applaud and make some noise.
- 2.9. In tune with my chosen theme for my year 'Active Life', I've taken part in quite a few active events, but none so scary as abseiling off Peacehaven Cliff for the Martlets – just lean back the man said it'll be fine. I'll never forget being dragged up onto the stage at the Golden Hang Bag Awards with Nev Kemp to sing and dance to a medley of old musical numbers with a couple of naughty drag queens, that was pretty special too. I'm glad I knew at least a few of the words if not all the steps. And then there were the quieter moments: Joining some of our eldest citizens and their families in celebration of 100+ birthdays and very long marriages. I'd always ask what's the secret of longevity; and the consensus was 'enjoying life.' School visits and greeting young people at the Town Hall have been special too, as it is so good to have the chance to offer them a little early insight in to the workings of our democracy.

- 2.10. It has not all been cheery as we have sadly had a couple of special people to say good bye to. Former Mayor Tehm Framroze, a leading figure for his work with BME groups will be sorely missed, as will Abe Golding the founder and leading light of Brightona through which Abe helped raise so much for the Sussex Heart Charity.
- 2.11. I chose to support 27 Charities in my year, a chance to raise the profile of some of the smaller, less well known organisations that can often get overlooked. It was also a chance to ensure a breadth of important issues were being covered, from domestic and sexual violence to homelessness, disabilities to community and family support. This extended family has worked out well, with smaller and larger organisations pulling together, learning from one another and opening the way to potential new partnerships. This approach has of course kept me busy helping organise and attending events, taking part, thanking volunteers and staff, but it has all been incredibly rewarding and worthwhile. There's been a lot of buckets rattled, charity dinners eaten, miles walked and cycled.
- 2.12. I have kept a spreadsheet that tells me I have attended 917 events and other activities, given a 348 speeches and interviews, used the Parlour 125 times. I've posted 604 times to Facebook. I've arrived at engagements on two feet 212 times and on two wheels 265 times, although I have no break down for how many that was by tandem!
- 2.13. I'm glad to say we maintained the tradition of having two Pavilion Dinners and we founded two new events and strengthened a third this year too. I can't thank enough all those who have contributed to this success. Colin Brace and Brighton Property Consortium need particular praise for the Paris2 Brighton as do Brighton Fringe for their support. So too Cycle Support Services and Friends of B&H Hospitals for organising the Biosphere Ride which 143 adults and 16 families took part in. Rise, City Parks and Health Walks all need praise for their help with the B&H Way Walk. Altogether, over these three and many other events, we have raise a colossal £94,000 for my chosen charities. Thank you to all the businesses who supported this achievement with their time and effort, and their generous contributions to raffles and auctions. Thank you also to the Media for all their positive coverage.
- 2.14. There are a lot of people to thank and we have already had a thank you evening for staff and key supporters and my charities; but I must thank again our wonderful mayoral staff: Michaela who along with Vicky and Elaine have wrestled with my diary, and Trudy who did so much at short notice to ensure the Christmas reception was a success. Mark, Abraham and Geoff for your wise guidance and support. Robbie, my constant mayoral companion: tandem co-rider and, driver - we've had so many great times together – entertaining the visitors showing them the bling, racing about advertising our sponsored events, and I have to thank Rob for just getting us to every engagement in one piece, on time and with a smile. Paul and Darren, thank you for your great company driving us too. Elliott Hasler and his father Simon who are making a film of my year and everyone who welcomed and looked after us at events. Long standing friends and so many new friends for their special support. Karl Jones & Sue Addis – great friends of the mayoralty who helped my charities with the two pavilion dinners. My Charities, and so many other organisations I've worked with. Councillors, you who have welcomed me to your wards and conducted yourselves with great respect in our meetings. Passed Mayors - for their wise counsel. Our 3 MPs, Lord Lt and High Sheriffs who I have shared so many occasions with. My Chaplin Rev Anthea Ballam, who has introduced to Council to

figures from our different faith communities at Prayers Lyn, her husband Eamon, and their children and grandchildren have come along to so many events. Not least the B&H Way Walk which left legs some pretty sore.

- 2.15. My patient and stoic children Eoin, Clodagh & Tiarnan and of course Geraldine, my Mayoress, who despite pressures of work and family life has accompanied me to so many events - helped us all to keep it together. I'm so very grateful to you all for all your support. You make me very proud.
- 2.16. People have also been asking what comes next. Well I was hoping to catch a bit of a rest but Mrs May has organised some extra activities for us all. I'm looking forward to reengaging with my constituents in St Peter's and North Laine Ward. And I am so grateful to my ward colleagues Cllrs Lizzie Deane and Louisa Greenbaum who have been valiantly holding the fort. I know my Group have missed me too and I'm looking forward to re-joining normal Council work and I will be taking up a place on Neighbourhoods, Inclusion, Communities and Equalities Committee which is very nice. I hope my experiences this year will help my contribution to that work, and I hope to maintain links and continue to support many of the third sector and business organisations I have got to know. I'll also be back on Environment, Transport & Sustainability, where no doubt you'll be hearing of my enthusiasm for bicycles, whether they are made for one, two or more riders. But most of all I think I'm looking forward to spending a bit more time with our lovely family.
- 2.17. Can I wish my successor Councillor Mo Marsh the very best for her year in office. The people you will meet as Mayor are all incredible amazing people. I have been asked what advice I might offer you, and my answer simply is "enjoy it" Mo, enjoy it and good luck. Thank you.

3 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR OF BRIGHTON AND HOVE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2017/18

- 3.1 The Mayor invited nominations for the position of Mayor of Brighton & Hove for the municipal year 2017/18.
- 3.2 Councillor Mo Marsh was proposed by Councillor Meadows and seconded by Councillor Morgan.
- 3.3 Councillors G. Theobald and Mac Cafferty supported the nomination of Councillor Marsh as Mayor for 2017/18 on behalf of the Conservative and Green Groups respectively.
- 3.4 The Mayor declared that, there being no other nominations, Councillor Mo Marsh be duly elected Mayor of Brighton & Hove for the forthcoming municipal year.
- 3.5 The motion was **agreed**.
- 3.6 The Mayor then adjourned the meeting at 5.10pm in order for Councillor Marsh as the incoming Mayor to be robed and to take the Chair for the meeting.
- 3.7 Councillor Marsh reconvened the meeting at 5.15pm and then made and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Marsh in the Chair

- 3.8 The Mayor then thanked the Council for her appointment and stated she wished to begin by thanking everyone for attending. For a small person, this was a big moment, in fact you might say it's my Mo-ment. To be made Mayor of a city I've loved since I first set foot here is a genuine privilege and something I'm going to cherish. Our communities give our city its' distinct and unique personality; and it's to them that I will dedicate my time and energy.
- 3.9 I'm always amazed and often surprised by the diversity of peoples that make Brighton and Hove what it is a vibrant, complex, contrary, fascinating and beautiful place. As a city, we need more than ever, to harness the goodwill and generosity of our residents; there is no doubt that the hard times that challenge us are due to continue and though I will be scrupulously a-political during my year I intend to underline the point that its by working together and seeing the best in one another that will ensure our city has a better, brighter future. To that end I'd like to acknowledge the council's own staff whose tremendous work for our community often goes unsung. They are doing a terrific job in taxing times and need our support.
- 3.10 I want to extend my personal congratulations to Councillor Dee Simson, assuming we all agree shortly, whom I know will make an excellent Deputy Mayor and I'd like to thank Councillor Pete West and his family for acting as our first citizens over the last year. I would also like to thank the residents of Moulsecoomb & Bevendean Ward for all their support and good wishes. I will, of course, remain a committed ward councillor.
- 3.11 Finally I'd like to thank my Group and in particular my friend Councillor Meadows for proposing me and I'd especially like to acknowledge my friends and family for their love and thoughtfulness. For this honour to be bestowed on me this year is particularly pertinent as on Sunday, I will turn seventy; which feels quite the landmark and to have these two events happen in the same year is both amazing and Mo-mentous.
- 3.12 Thank you all for your support and encouragement thus far, I hope to be able to recognise and repay that kindness during my year in office.

4 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR

- 4.1 The Mayor invited Councillor Mac Cafferty to move a vote of thanks for the previous Mayor, Councillor Pete West.
- 4.2 Councillor Mac Cafferty moved a vote of thanks to Councillor West as the retiring Mayor for his services during his term of office.
- 4.3 Councillor Littman seconded the motion and this was supported by Councillors Morgan and G. Theobald.
- 4.4 The Mayor put the motion to the vote.
- 4.5 The motion was **carried**.

4.6 The Mayor presented Councillor West with a commemorative badge in recognition of his year of office.

5 APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR BRIGHTON AND HOVE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2017/18

5.1 The Mayor moved that the Council appoint Councillor Dee Simson as Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming municipal year.

5.2 The Motion was seconded by Councillor G. Theobald.

5.3 Councillors Morgan and Mac Cafferty supported the nomination of Councillor Simson as Deputy Mayor.

5.4 The Mayor declared that, there being no other nominations, Councillor Dee Simson be duly elected as Deputy Mayor of Brighton & Hove for the forthcoming municipal year 2017/18.

5.5 The motion was **agreed**.

5.6 Councillor Dee Simson made and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Deputy Mayor and was presented with her badge of office by the Mayor.

6 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.

6.1 The informed the council that she was very happy that Robert Brown MBE had agreed to be her Consort during her mayoral year and she invited him to come forward to be presented with his badge of office.

6.2 The Mayor then noted that in keeping with the 'Robert' theme, she was also very pleased to say that Father Robert Norbury had agreed to be her Chaplain for the mayoral year.

6.3 The Mayor stated that she wished to recognise the decision taken by Councillor Geoffrey Theobald to stand down as Leader of the Official Opposition and Leader of the Conservative Group. Councillor Theobald had served on East Sussex County Council, Brighton Borough Council and now Brighton & Hove City Council and had chalked up an innings of 50 years not out! It was truly a remarkable period of public service and she expected the innings to continue for a few more years albeit now as the night-watchman.

6.4 The Mayor stated that she was also aware of another landmark 50 - in that the theme for Pride this year was the Summer of Love. It would be marking the 50th year anniversary of the beginning of decriminalisation of homosexual acts and she was looking forward to joining the celebrations on August 5th this year.

6.5 The Mayor stated that she intended to put the 'Mo'-factor in mobilise and help galvanise the goodwill, creativity and compassion that our communities provide. She would be paying particular attention to the five charities that she had chosen to support this year; Albion in the Community, the Martlets Hospice, RISE, the Clock Tower Sanctuary and the Sussex Heart Charity. These were organisations that gave support *too* and gained

support *from* the people of Brighton and Hove and her hope was that there would be reciprocity and mutual gain between our communities and charities.

6.6 Finally, she was looking forward to starting her mayoral engagements and in the first two weeks would be attending:

- Ladies Day Cricket in aid of RISE;
- A vintage tea party for Alzheimer sufferers at the Autumn Lodge Care Home,
- Martlets Hove Carnival,
- the 67 Centre's 50th Birthday,
- a Children in Need celebration,
- Zanzibar's schools project and exhibition,
- Brighton & Hove Filipino Community Organisation New Officers Inauguration and Oath Taking,
- A Young people's concert of American music,
- Hosting a reception for the Dutch Ambassador and
- Attending the Fringe Production, Alan Turing the Musical

6.7 She believed that these wonderful and varied events reflected the diversity of our inclusive and welcoming city and she hoped would be the perfect start to her special year ahead.

7 APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2017/18

7.1 The Mayor invited Councillor Mitchell to propose the appointment of the Leader of the Council.

7.2 Councillor Mitchell proposed that Councillor Warren Morgan should be appointed as the Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2017/18.

7.3 Councillor Moonan formally seconded the proposal.

7.4 The Mayor noted that there were no other nominations and put the motion to the vote which was agreed.

7.5 **RESOLVED:** That Councillor Morgan be appointed as the Leader of the Council for 2017/18.

8 APPOINTMENTS FOR 2017/18

8.1 The Mayor moved that for the municipal year 2017/2018 the following appointments be agreed:

- (i) Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Gill Mitchell; and
- (ii) Leader of the Official Opposition, Councillor Tony Janio.

8.2 The Mayor also moved that for the municipal year 2017/2018 the following appointments to the positions as agreed by the various Groups represented on the Council be noted:

- (i) Leader of the Labour & Co-operative Group -
Councillor Warren Morgan;
- (ii) Deputy Leaders of the Labour & Co-operative Group -
Councillors Les Hamilton (Finance) and Gill Mitchell;
- (iii) Leader of the Conservative Group -
Councillor Tony Janio;
- (iv) Deputy Leaders of the Conservative Group –
Councillors Steve Bell and Lee Wares;
- (v) Convenor of the Green Group –
Councillor Phelim Mac Cafferty;
- (vi) Deputy Convenors of the Green Group –
Councillor Lizzie Deane.

8.3 The motion was **carried**.

9 REVIEW OF POLITICAL BALANCE 2017/18

9.1 The Mayor moved that:

- (i) The allocation of seats as detailed in the report and in appendix 1 to the report be approved;
- (ii) For the municipal year 2017/2018 the following Committees and Sub-Committees be constituted and appointed to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council and the number of Members and allocation of seats to the Party Groups (apart from co-opted Members) as detailed in appendix 1 to the report and as specified below be agreed:

9.2 That the membership of the committees and sub-committees as detailed in appendix 2 to the report and set out below be agreed;

Policy, Resources & Growth Committee – Councillors Morgan (Chair), Hamilton (Deputy Chair), Bell, Janio (OS), Mac Cafferty, Mitchell, Peltzer Dunn, Sykes, Wealls and Yates.

Children, Young People & Skills Committee – Councillors Chapman (Chair), Penn (Deputy Chair), Brown (OS), Hamilton, Knight, O’Quinn, Phillips, Russell-Moyle, Taylor and Wealls.

Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee – Councillors Mitchell (Chair), Horan (Deputy Chair), Atkinson, Brown, Littman, Nemeth, Peltzer Dunn, Robins, Wares (OS) and West.

Housing & New Homes Committee – Councillors Meadows (Chair), Hill (Deputy Chair), Atkinson, Barnett, Bell, Druitt, Gibson, Lewry, Mears (OS) and Moonan.

Neighbourhoods, Inclusion, Communities & Equalities Committee – Councillors Daniel (Chair), Moonan (Deputy Chair), Bewick, Cattell, Knight, A. Norman (OS), K. Norman, Peltzer Dunn, Simson and West.

Tourism, Development & Culture Committee – Councillors Robins (Chair), Cattell (Deputy Chair), Allen, Druitt, Mac Cafferty, Mears, Morris, Nemeth (OS), O’Quinn and C. Theobald.

Audit & Standards Committee – Councillors Miller (Chair), Allen, Cobb, Greenbaum, Lewry, Morris, Robins and Sykes.

Licensing & Licensing (2003) Committee – Councillors O’Quinn (Chair), Morris (Deputy Chair), Bell, Cattell, Cobb, Deane, Gilbey, Hill, Hyde, Horan, Lewry, Page, Phillips, Simson and Wares.

Planning Committee – Councillors Cattell (Chair), Gilbey (Deputy Chair), Bennett, Hyde, Inkpin-Leissner, Littman, Mac Cafferty, Miller, Moonan, Morris, Russell-Moyle and C. Theobald (OS).

Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Councillors K. Norman (Chair), Allen, Bennett, Bewick, Deane, Gilbey, Greenbaum, Morris, A. Norman and Wealls.

Licensing 2003 Sub-Committee (3 from the parent committee with designated reps) – Councillors O’Quinn (Chair), Deane and Hyde.

Personnel Appeals Sub-Committee – (3 from a pool of Members with designated reps) Councillors O’Quinn, Wares and Littman.

Health & Wellbeing Board – Councillors Yates (Chair), Barford, Barnett, Page and Taylor (OS).

Corporate Parenting Board - Councillors Chapman (Chair), Bell, Bennett, Knight and Russell-Moyle.

Procurement Board – Councillors Meadows (Chair), Miller, Robins, Sykes and Wealls (OS).

Strategic Delivery Board – Councillors Morgan (Chair), Gibson, Janio, Mitchell and G. Theobald.

Greater Brighton Economic Board – Councillors Morgan and Janio.

Great Brighton Economic Board Call-in Panel – Councillor Mac Cafferty.

Orbis Joint Committee – Councillor Hamilton.

Orbis Law Joint Committee – Councillor Hamilton

Royal Pavilion Shadow Trust Board – Councillors Robins, Mac Cafferty and A. Norman.

- 9.3 That in having regard to (iii) above, those Members listed as Chair, Deputy Chair and Opposition Spokesperson of the respective Committees, Sub-Committees and Forums as detailed in appendix 2 to the report be agreed;
- 9.4 That in having regard to (ii) above, an Urgency Sub-Committee for each Committee be approved in accordance with Procedure Rule 22;
- 9.5 That in having regard to (ii) above, it be agreed that for the purpose of enabling meetings of the Personnel Appeal Panel (sub-committee) to be convened without disproportionate difficulty, the make-up of such panels need not be politically balanced although every effort would be taken to achieve it and that it also be agreed that:
- (a) Although the Panel has the Members referred to in Appendix 2 as its standing Members, where any of the 3 Members is not available, any Member of the Council who has received appropriate training shall be eligible to sit on the Panel;
 - (b) The Head of Democratic Services be authorised to set up the Panel, as and when needed with the permanent Members or, where any of them is not available, by including any other eligible Member of the Council, having regard to the need, where possible, to secure cross party representation;
 - (c) The above arrangements and those set out in paragraph 2.5 of the report (and (v) above), are intended to operate as “alternative arrangements” for the pursuant to section 17 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.
- 9.6 That the appointment of representatives to various bodies listed in Appendix 2 of the report be agreed;
- 9.7 That the appointment of the various Lead Members’ roles and the designated Members listed against those roles as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report and specified below be agreed; and

	Lead Member		
1	Leader		Councillor Morgan
2	Finance & Resources		Councillor Hamilton
3	Adult Social Care		Councillor Barford
4	Children, Young People & Skills		Councillor Chapman

5	Culture, Tourism & Leisure		Councillor Robins
6	Economic Growth		Councillor Morgan
7	Environment, Transport & Sustainability		Councillor Mitchell
8	Health & Wellbeing		Councillor Yates
9	Housing & New Homes		Councillor Meadows
10	Mental Health		Councillor Penn
11	Neighbourhoods, Communities & Equality		Councillor Daniel
12	Planning Strategy		Councillor Cattell
13	Private Rented Sector		Councillor Hill
14	Rough Sleeping		Councillor Moonan
15	Schools		Councillor Chapman

9.8 That the appointments of representatives to the list of Outside Bodies as detailed in appendix 4 to the report and specified below be agreed:

	Name of Organisation	Term of Office	Appointments 2017/18
1	Education Trusts Committee	Annual	Cllrs Brown, Chapman, Knight, Marsh and Taylor.
2	Interreg	Annual	Morgan
3	Members Advisory Group on Grants (MAG)	Annual	Hamilton, Littman and Simson.
4	Sussex Community Foundation	Annual	Littman, Marsh and Taylor.
4	The Brighton Fund	Annual	Deane, Meadows, Moonan, A. Norman and Marsh (Mayor).
5	Arts & Creative Industries Commission	Annual	Mac Cafferty, Morris and Peltzer Dunn.
6	Brighton & Hove Connected	Annual	Mac Cafferty, Morgan and G. Theobald.

7	Brighton & Hove Music Trust	Annual	Allen, Mac Cafferty and A. Norman.
8	East Sussex Pension Board	Annual	Allen
9	Local Government Association	Annual	Mac Cafferty, Mitchell, Morgan and G. Theobald.
10	Race ground Trustees / Race Ground Company	Annual	Hamilton and C. Theobald.

9.9 **The motion was carried.**

10 CLOSE OF MEETING

10.1 The Mayor thanked everyone for attending the meeting and invited those who were going to join her at the reception in the Dome Pavilion, to meet in the atrium of the Town Hall at 6.00pm in order to process over to the Dome. She then closed the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 5.45pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

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